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Abstract   This copy of John Watson Sr.'s narrative of the 1737 Walking Purchase, written in 1815, was made by Watson's son in 1822. The elder Watson's narrative was printed with corrections and additions by the son in the Pennsylvania Correspondent, Doylestown. The volume includes the younger Watson's report of the recollections of Moses Bartram, his own commentary on the Walking Purchase, and a letter (1822) about this manuscript.

Background note

John Watson was a physician and antiquary of Bucks County (Pa.).

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Other Descriptive Information

Printed in Hazard's Register, this essay recounts the history of the Walking Purchase. It focuses less on the walk itself, and more on the historical origins of the walk and the subsequent disillusionment of the Delaware, including accounts of treaties. At the back of the document, John Watson includes a letter that recounts the recollections of the Walk by Moses Marshall, whose father was one of those who made the walk. This letter contains details on the actual walk itself.